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For: SELECTIVE BLOCKING IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 7, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for controlling messages in a communication system, comprising the steps of:

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sending a message blocking request from a first network component to a second network component, the message blocking request identifying a third network component; and

preventing messages from being communicated from the third network component to the first network component if the second network